(b) 241 wells have been dug during the last three years :

Year		No. of completed Wells
1975-76	...	117
1976-77	...	82
1977-78	...	42
Total	...	241

(c) Nil.

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Loss in K. S. R. T C

860 SRI PATEL PAPANAYAK (Molakalmuru).—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state ;—

(a) the reasons with KSRTC for sustaining loss even though thousands of its buses are being run with full capacity of passengers ;

(b) the reasons for running KSRTC buses under loss while the private operators are running small number of buses with profits ;

(c) the steps taken to prevent the losses?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(a) Except for the year 1975-76 and 1977-78, the KSRTC did not sustain losses. The reason for the loss during 1975-76 and 1977-78 is due to increase of maintenance cost of the most of the buses.

(b) Maintenance of KSRTC buses could not be campared with the private buses. The private Bus operators running their buses with the sole object of earning the profit. Whereas the KSRTC buses are being run they are run with a view to providing more conveniences to the travelling public and in the interest of service to the people.

The KSRTC are running their buses in several routes in the interest of the traveling public without any profit motto. Several facilities like drinking water, Toilet room etc., have been provided in the bus stands by the Corporation. Besides the KSRTC has implemented the Industrial Disputes Act, Payment of Wages Act, The Road Transport Workers Act, Provident Fund Act and several other Acts for the benefit of the labourers. Most of the private operators have not provided any of these facilities and as such they are earning more profits by minimising the cost.

(c) 1. To improve the efficiency in maintaining the vehicles in order to earn more profits.

2. To prevent the pilfaruge of incomes to accelarate the maintenancs of vehicles a Central Checking Squad has been constituted.

3. To impose fines on the passengers who are travelling without valid tickets.

Legal Advisors for SC/STs

534. SMT. RENUKA RAJENDRAN (Chikkaballapur).—Will the Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there are any free legal advisors in each Dist. of the State for giving legal assitance to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes people.

(b) whether the Government has provided all the important books on Law at Government cost to these advisors ;

(c) whether the Government intend providing important Law books to these legal advisors through the Directorate of Libraries ?

SRI L. G, HAVANUR (Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes).—

(a) Yes

(b) No

(c) No

Part Payment of Scholarships to Harijan and Girijan Students

231. SRI A. RAMACHANDRA (Sullia),—Will the Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Harijan and Girijan Students of schools and colleges are getting only quarter of the scholarship amount that is being given to such students.

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in addition to the fact stated above the Education Department is collecting all types of fees from such students through the respective schools and colleges.

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government to set right the same, if so, when ?